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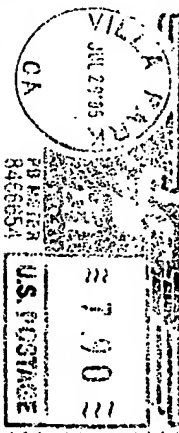
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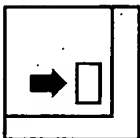


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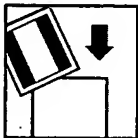
## HOW TO USE:



1. **COMPLETE ADDRESS AREA**  
Type or print return address and addressee information in designated area or on label.



2. **PAYMENT METHOD**  
Affix postage or meter strip to area indicated in upper right hand corner.



3. **ATTACH LABEL (Optional)**  
Remove label backing and affix in designated location.



4. Bring your Priority Mail package to a post office, present it to your letter carrier or call 1-800-222-1811 for pick up service.

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**RECEIVED**

**USPTO MAIL CENTER**

**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Label 228 June 2004

Complete address information or place label here

**The convenient Flat Rate Envelope.**

One low price for fast delivery anywhere in the U.S., regardless of weight, destination or type of mailable material enclosed Domestic use only

Any amount of mailable material may be enclosed, as long as the envelope is not modified, and the contents are entirely confined within the envelope with the adhesive provided as the means of closure. Domestic use only.

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July 28, 2005

Subject: Response to NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT  
(37 CTR 1.121) dated 5 July 2005, for Patent Application 10/681,592

Dear Examiner:

This cover letter describes the contents of material enclosed for your examination. This material is in response to your NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121) and filed on behalf of the amendment document dated 16 February 2005 for Application No. 10/681,592.

**Attachment 1.** A copy of the NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121, Form PTOL-324 is included FOR YOUR REFERENCE ONLY. See the following ATTACHMENTS 2 and 3 for the response to each item you have cited for non-compliance.

**Attachment 2. AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS**

Problem: Under Item 3A, the drawings were not properly identified in the upper margin as required by Para. 37 CFR 1.121d.

Response: Enclosed find the amended drawings resubmitted, which now have been marked as "REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS " in the upper margins as required. The drawings also are identified as Sheet 10 of 13 and Sheet 11 of 13 of the amended document, dated 16 Feb 2005.

**Attachment 3. AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS**

Problem: Under Item 4A, a complete list of all claims is not provided as required.

Response: A complete list of all claims pending is now provided, including a new claim, number 11, as added to the amendment document. Also, if the patent is allowed, the Numbering of Claims will be corrected according to 37 CFR 1.126.

### **Attachment 3 - Continued**

**Note:** The same claims text is used in response to Items 4B and 4C to avoid redundant answers.

Problem: Under Item 4B, the listing of claims does not include the full text of all pending claims, as required.

Response: The listing of claims under Item 4B now includes the full text of all pending claims.

Problem: Under Item 4C, each pending claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier.

Response: The proper status identifier is now provided for each pending claim listed, under Item 4B above, and including the new claim identified as Claim 11.

### **Attachment 4. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE**

Problem: Due to changes to the scope of the patent and claims submitted under the amended application of 16 February 2005 it is necessary to submit a new title for patent application No. 10/681,592.

Response: Request is hereby submitted to change the original patent title, as follows:

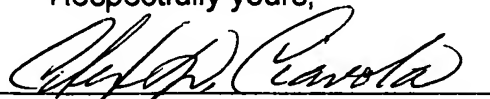
Original Title: (canceled) RING KIT CANINE WASTE COLLECTION AND  
DISPOSAL METHOD

Amended Title: (new) RING BAG CANINE WASTE COLLECTION DEVICE

### **Conclusion**

Four pages of the amended patent application, dated 16 February 2005, were changed by response to the NOTICE TO THE NON-COMPLIANCE TO AMENDMENT. The changed pages are Pages 1, 10, 11, and 12.

Respectfully yours,

  
Alex W. Ciavola

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

**FORM PTOL-324**

See the following page for a copy of the NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT (37 CTR 1.121) form as received here. **This copy is FOR REFERENCE ONLY**

**Notice of Non-Compliant  
Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

Application No.

10/681,592

Examiner

Esther O. Okezie

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –

The amendment document filed on 16 February 2005 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
  - ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
  - ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - ☐ B. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
  - ☒ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
  - ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ 4. Amendments to the claims:
  - ☒ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - ☒ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
  - ☒ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
  - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - ☐ E. Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

**TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:**

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted within the time period set forth in the final Office action.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

**Extensions of time** are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

**Failure to timely respond** to this notice will result in:

**Abandonment** of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or

**Non-entry** of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

*Kathy Matecki*  
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